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The EPA's decision to continue with its 60-day comment period and not grant a 120-day extension was praised by numerous groups across the country, including Bristol Bay Native Corporation, Commercial Fishermen for Bristol Bay, Trout Unlimited and Wildlife Forever. The EPA said that its 60-day period adequate for public input is thorough and will allow its scheduled peer review panel to go forward with their expert opinions on the draft. The Anchorage Daily News agreed in an editorial that 60 days is enough, adding that the agency has already received 875 letters and 14,000 form letters commenting on its watershed assessment. It also disagreed with criticism from Sen. Lisa Murkowski that the comment period was too short and rushed.

The paper's opinion states: "Critics -- including Parnell and Attorney General Michael Geraghty -- have maintained that serious questions of state and federal law argue for more time. But as McLerran points out, the EPA draft is about the watershed, not disputes over jurisdiction... BOTTOM LINE: Alaskans have plenty of time to weigh in on EPA's Bristol Bay and Pebble report." Author Paul Greenberg posts another dispatch from his Bristol Bay adventures this summer in the New York Times. He writes about trout and the fully intact ecosystem of Bristol Bay and ponders why we would risk it for a copper and gold mine. In an excerpt, Greenberg writes: "Alaska rivers at this high a latitude are remarkably poor in nutrients and they depend on salmon to ferry nutrients from the sea back to the land. Rainbow trout are equally dependent on the salmon. And so when salmon come into the river, spawn and start to literally fall apart as they die, they become prey to the rainbow trout." As the commercial sockeye runs are hopping in many districts around Bristol Bay, Dan Rather will conduct a live broadcast from Bristol Bay on Tuesday, July 10, called "Red Gold," examining the threats to the fisheries and commercial fishing jobs from the proposed Pebble Mine.

For more information, visit [www.savebristolbay.org](http://www.savebristolbay.org)

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EPA: No extension on draft Bristol Bay watershed comment period

Staff report

Fairbanks Daily News-Miner

The Environmental Protection Agency has announced it won't extend the 60-day public comment period on the agency's draft assessment of the Bristol Bay watershed, a study of the environmental impact the controversial Pebble Mine or other projects could have on the important fishing area...Click here to read more

Our View: 60 Days

Editorial

Anchorage Daily News

Dennis McLerran, regional administrator for the Environmental Protection Agency, said Thursday the agency will stick to its original public comment period of 60 days for its draft assessment of the effects of a major mining project like Pebble on the Bristol Bay watershed...Click here to read more

The EPA will not Extend Deadline for Public Comment on Bristol Bay

Megan Mazurek

[youralaskalink.com](http://youralaskalink.com)

The Environmental Protection Agency will not extend the public comment period for its assessment of the Bristol Bay watershed...Click here to read more

EPA getting an earful on Bristol Bay draft watershed assessment

Margaret Bauman

The Cordova Times

In advance of a peer review set for early August in Anchorage, the Environmental Protection Agency is already getting an earful from both sides on a draft watershed assessment related to proposed development of a massive mine near Bristol Bay...Click here to read more

Peer Review on Draft Bristol Bay Watershed Assessment

Fishermen's News

An independent panel of peer review scientists will gather in Anchorage Aug. 7-9 to examine the draft Bristol Bay watershed assessment that will figure in the future of major mine development like the Pebble mine at the headwaters of Bristol Bay...Click here to read more

Deadline to comment on watershed assessment holds

Margaret Bauman

The Cordova Times

A July 23 deadline to comment on a draft assessment on the Bristol Bay watershed assessment, on which the future of large scale mining may hinge will stand, with no further extensions, the Environmental Protection Agency said July 5...Click here to read more

Bristol Bay Dispatch #2: Rainbow Trout – A ubiquitous fish in its rarest form

Paul Greenberg

The New York Times, Mark Bittman Blog

Peruse the seafood menu in a restaurant anywhere in the Lower 48 and you are most likely to find rainbow trout, one of the most widespread members of salmonids...Click here to read more

Red Gold (to air Tuesday, July 10 at 8 p.m. EST)

Dan Rather

Dan Rather Reports

LIVE from Alaska, where fishermen believe wild salmon, known here as “Red Gold”, will be threatened by runoff from a planned copper and gold mine that would be one of the largest in the world...Click here to read more

Sportfishing Industry Commends Comprehensive Bristol Bay Watershed Study

Mary Jane Williamson

American Sportfishing Association

The American Sportfishing Association (ASA) commends the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) for conducting a draft scientific study of the Bristol Bay watershed in Alaska and the scope of its natural resources...Click here to read more

EPA Public Testimony on Bristol Bay

Video by Sierra Anderson

Renewable Resources Coalition

In June 2012, the Environmental Protection Agency held a series of meetings in Bristol Bay, Alaska to gather public input on Pebble Mine and the Bristol Bay Watershed. This video features a sample of public testimony, in which almost all Bristol Bay residents spoke in stark opposition to the proposed developments...Click here to view video

Naknek's dock gets official welcome Hannah Heimbuch The Bristol Bay Times

Bristol Bay Borough and state officials held a belated ribbon-cutting ceremony for the new dock in Naknek last week...Click here to read more

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